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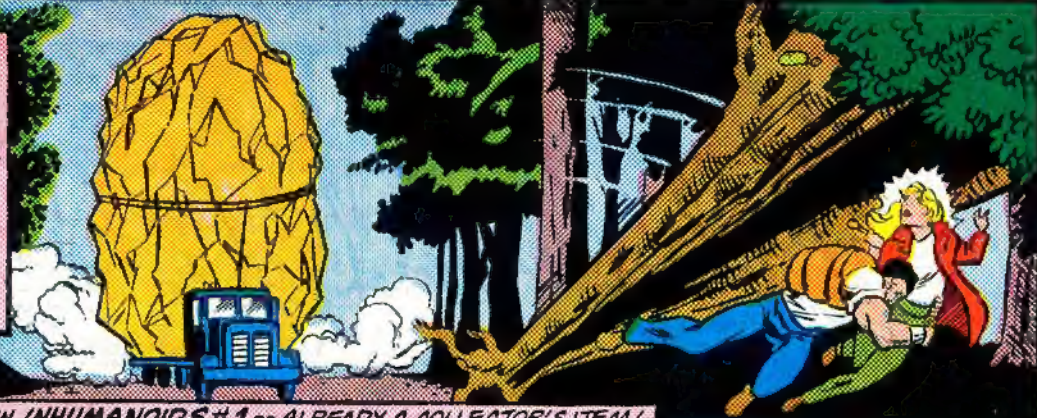
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NOW COMES--
D'COMPOSE!

INHUMANOIDS

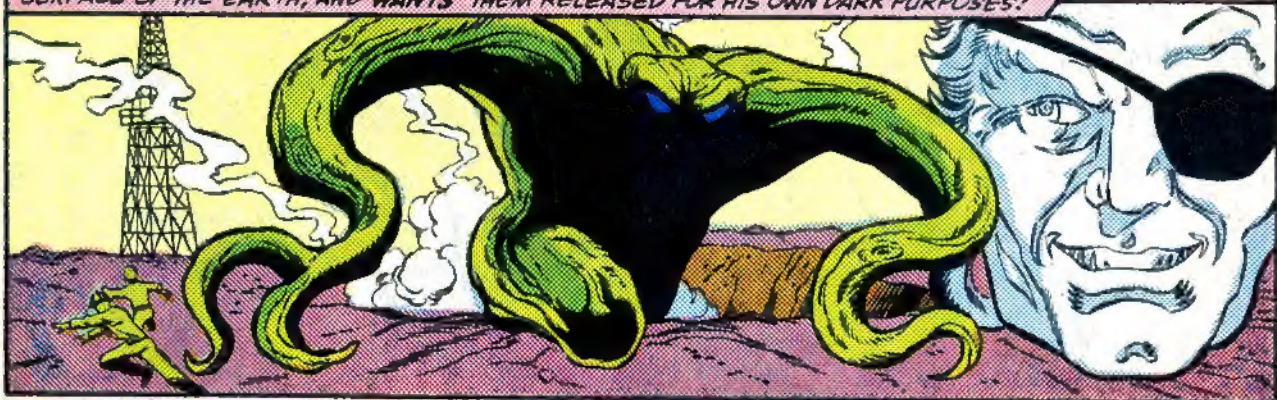


JUST DAYS AGO, A MYSTERIOUS BLOCK OF AMBER WAS DISCOVERED DEEP WITHIN THE BIG SUR NATIONAL FOREST IN CALIFORNIA! LITTLE DID THE EARTH CORPS KNOW OF THE HORROR WHICH WOULD SOON EMERGE! *



***IT ALL HAPPENED IN INHUMANOID #1-- ALREADY A COLLECTOR'S ITEM!**

BUT ONE MAN-- BLACKTHORNE SHORE-- DOES KNOW OF THE ANCIENT HORRORS TRAPPED BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, AND WANTS THEM RELEASED FOR HIS OWN DARK PURPOSES!



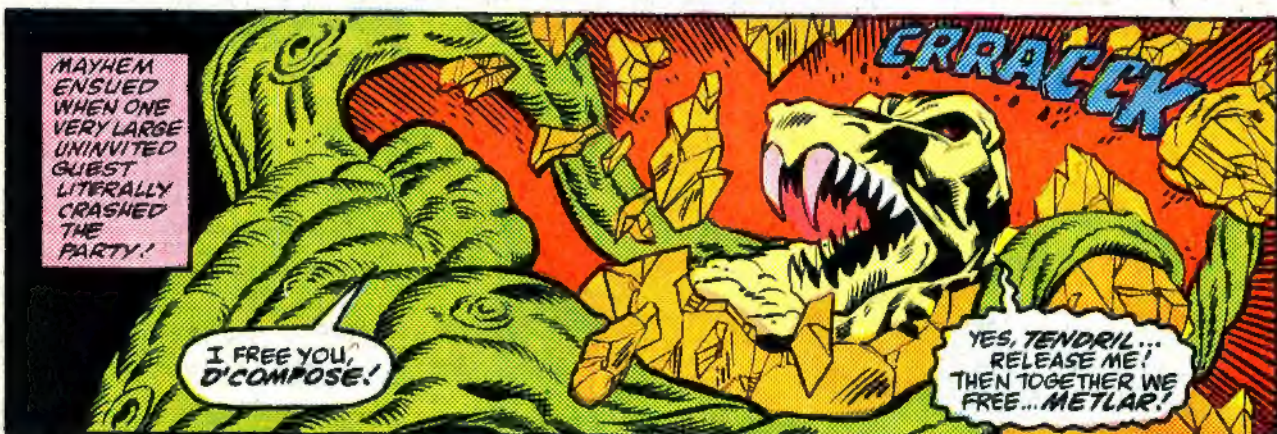
UNAWARE OF HER BROTHER'S EVIL PLANS, WEALTHY SOCIALITE SANDRA SHORE, PATRON OF THE SHORE MUSEUM, SURROUNDED BY THE ILLUSTRIOUS MEMBERS OF THE EARTH CORPS-- HERC ARMSTRONG, DR. DEREK BRIGHT, LIQUIDATOR, AND AUGER-- UNVEILS THE AMBER BLOCK, SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE UNSTOPPABLE TERRORS WHICH FOLLOWED!



MAYHEM ENSUED WHEN ONE VERY LARGE UNINVITED GUEST LITERALLY CRASHED THE PARTY!

I FREE YOU, D'COMPOSE!

YES, TENDRIL... RELEASE ME! THEN TOGETHER WE FREE... METLAR!



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THE COMING OF THE INHUMANOIDS!

PART
II

OR
"I LEFT MY
MONSTERS
IN SAN
FRANCISCO"

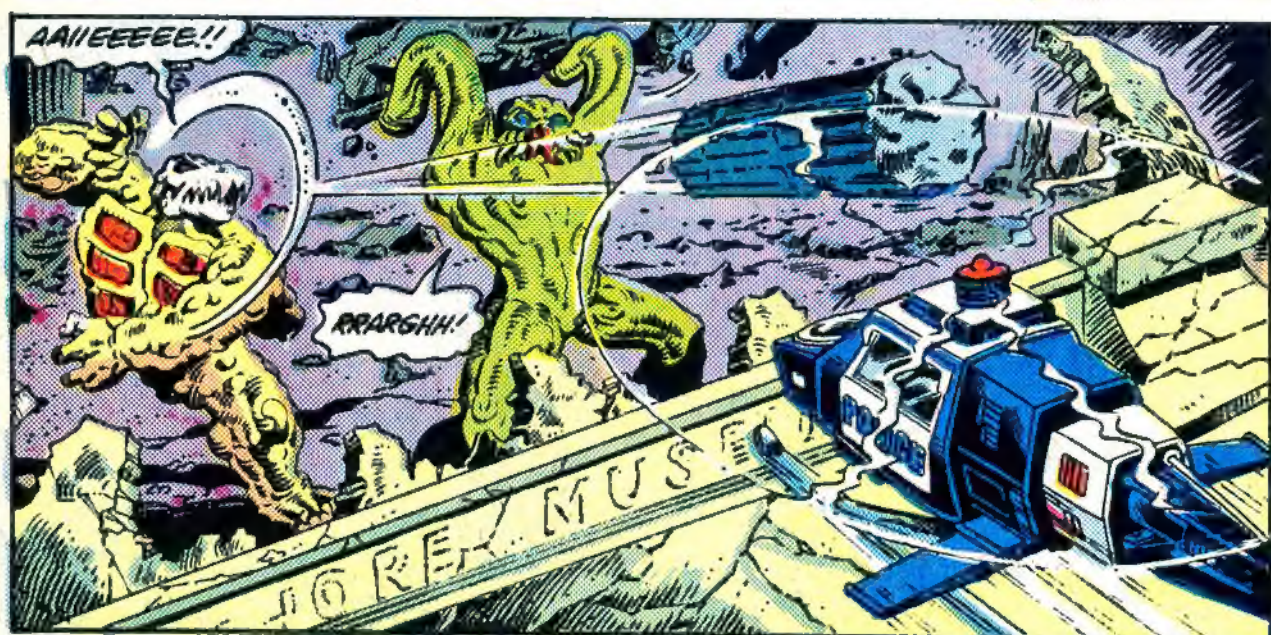
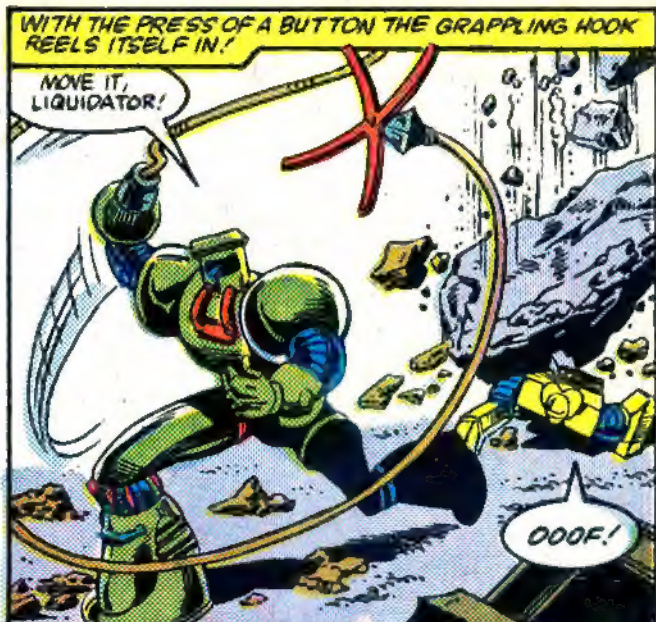
ONCE FREE, THE
MONSTERS LASHED
OUT AT ALL THOSE
WHO TRIED TO
STOP THEM...

WHAT--
WHAT IS
THAT
THING?!

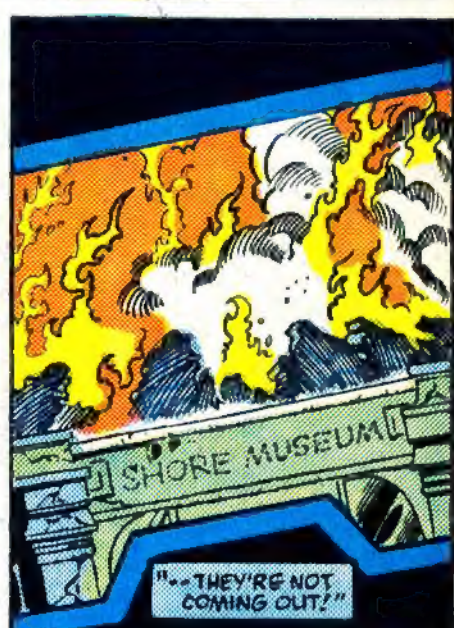
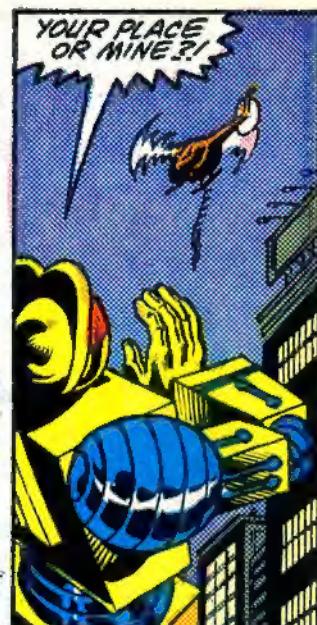
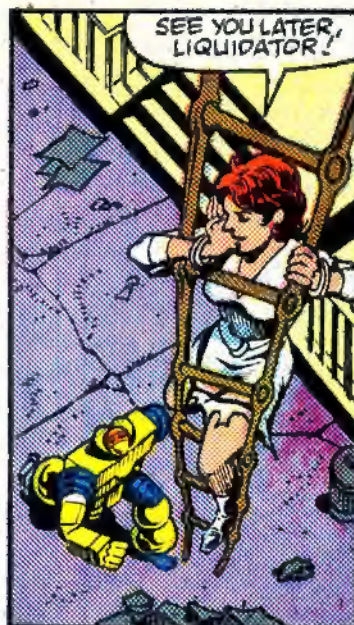
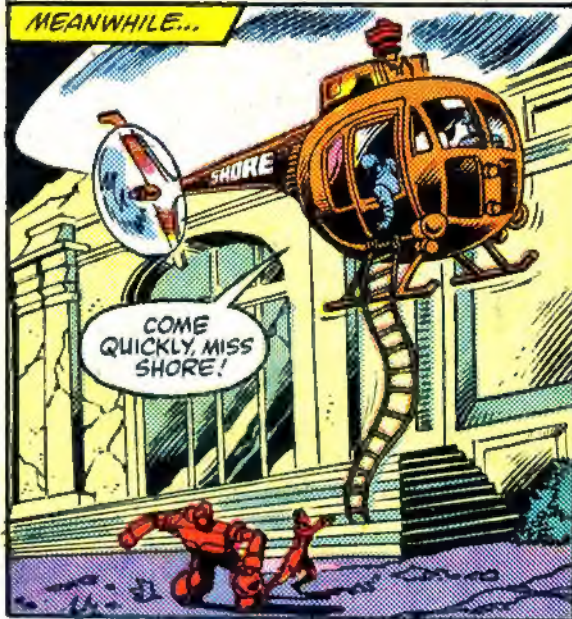
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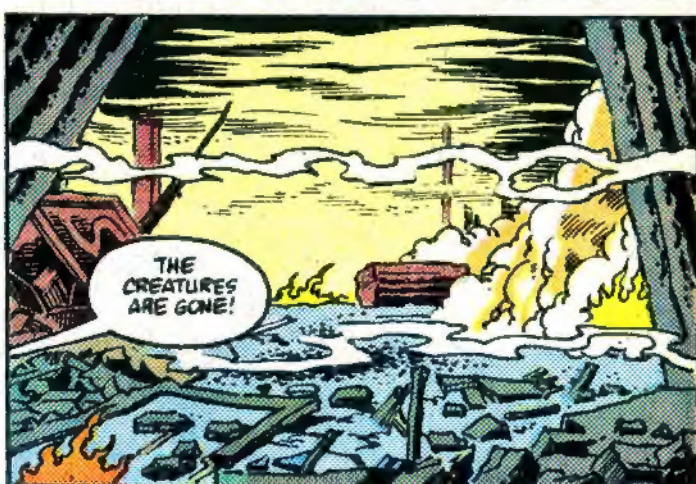
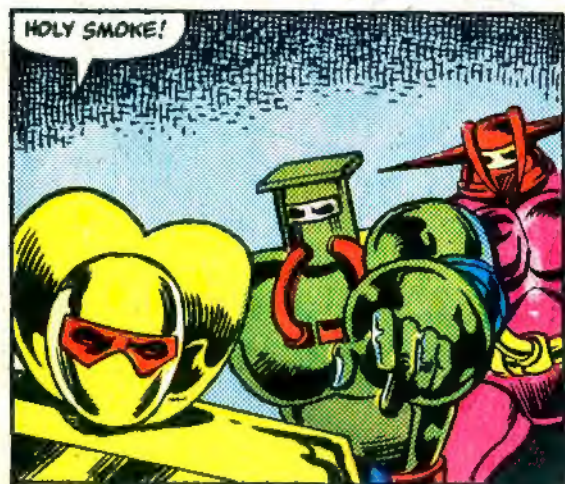
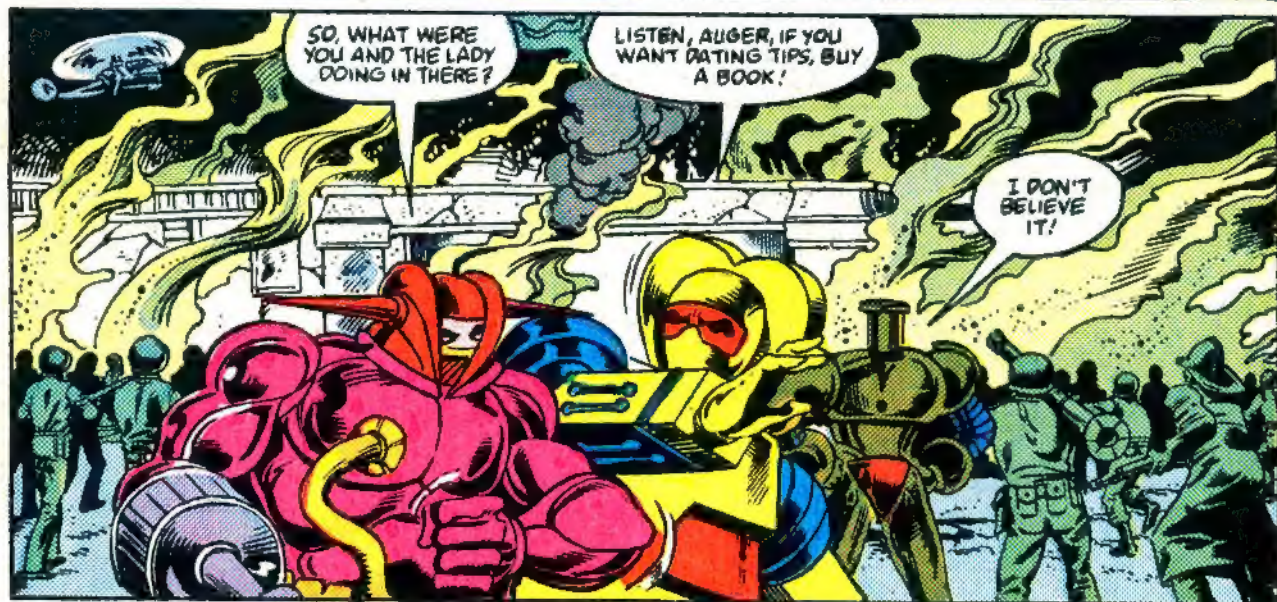
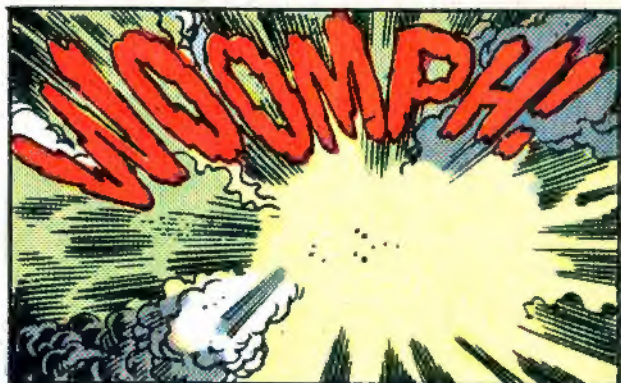
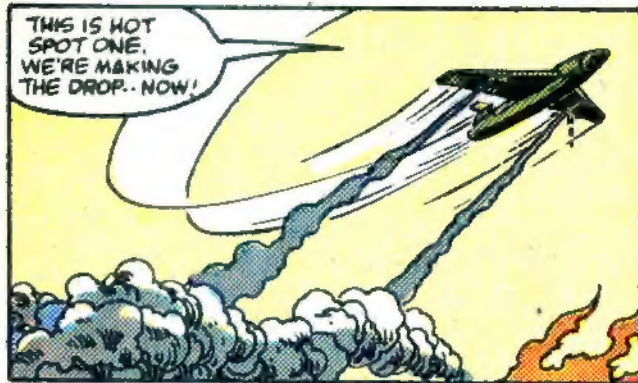
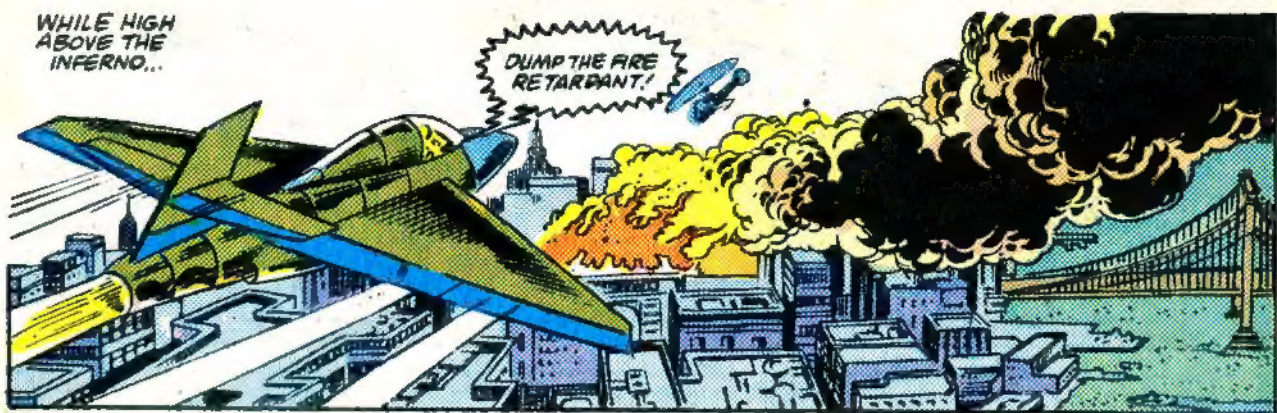
**A MODERN MONSTER MASTERWORK
BASED ON THE ANIMATED TELEVISION
SCREENPLAY BY FLINT DILLE!**

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MEANWHILE...





HOURS LATER, AFTER DAWN HAS TURNED INTO MORNING, INSIDE EARTH CORPS H.Q., AUGER'S RADIO IS TUNED IN TO AN ALL-NEWS STATION...

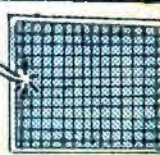
...AND AFTER THE INFERNO, THE MONSTERS SIMPLY VANISHED, LEAVING BEHIND MANY MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS...

...WERE THEY FROM OUTER SPACE...?

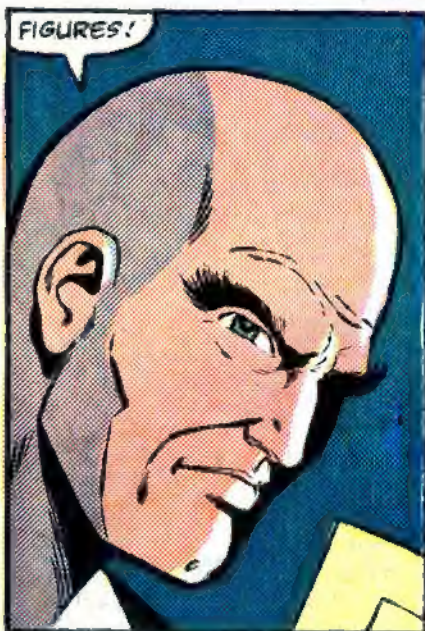
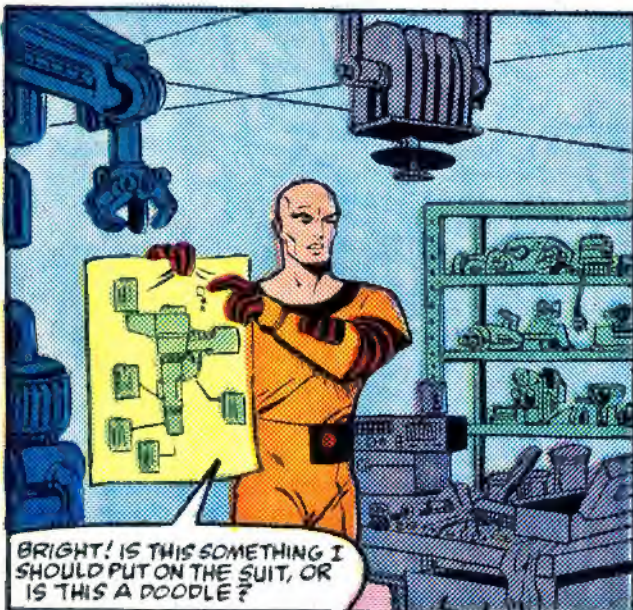
...WERE THEY MUTATIONS CAUSED BY TOXIC WASTE?

...OR WERE THEY A MASS ILLUSION CAUSED BY THE STRESS OF MODERN LIVING?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO BE HERE! IT HELPS!



CLIK!





THIS IS A MONSTER THAT ATTACKED CRUSADERS IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY! LOOK FAMILIAR?



UH-HUH.



UH-HUH.



JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED!



THESE THINGS MOST LIKELY CAME FROM THE CENTER OF THE EARTH, GENERAL...

BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY'RE EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS...

LOOK, GENERAL, WHAT WE NEED IS MORE MAN-POWER AND EQUIPMENT, NOT--

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TELL IT TO THE GLOBAL ENQUIRER?!

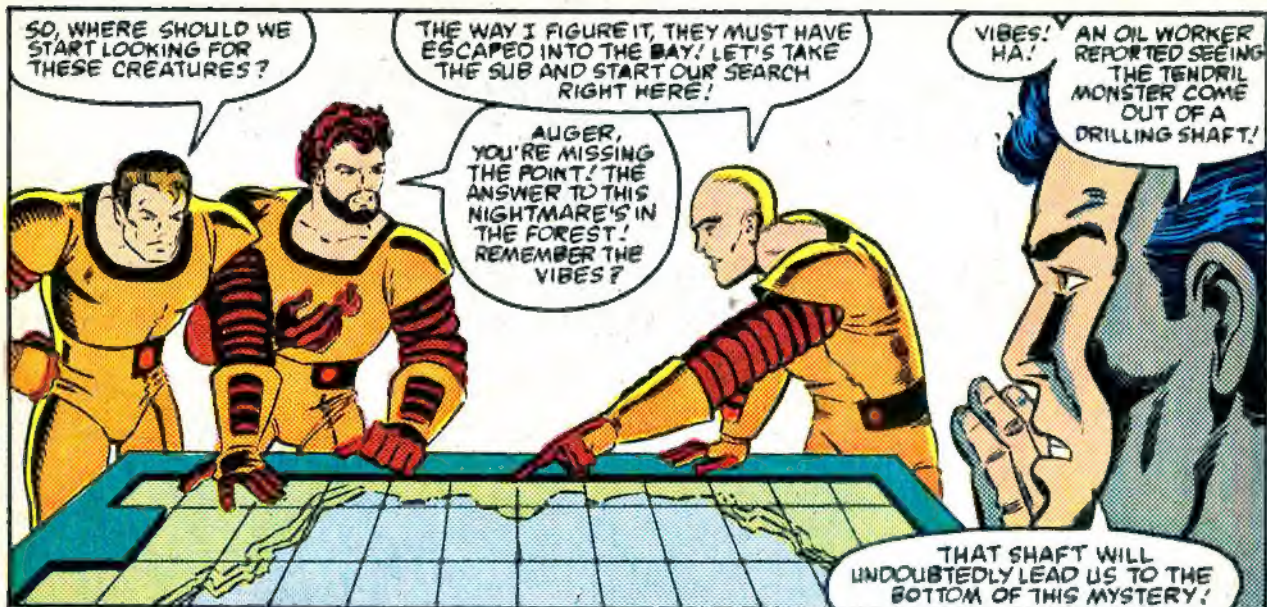


CLIK!



WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON OUR OWN, GUYS!

GOOD! I HATE RED TAPE!





LATER, AT THE NOW-DEMOLISHED OIL-RIG, FROM WHICH THE MONSTER KNOWN AS TENDRIL FIRST EMERGED... *



* IT HAPPENED LAST ISSUE! *

... DR. BRIGHT IS INSIDE THE SHAFT, RECORDING HIS FINDINGS...

I'M AT FIFTY FEET NOW. THE WALLS ARE COVERED WITH STRANGE MARKINGS!

PERHAPS THEY WERE CAUSED BY THE MONSTER WHEN IT CLIMBED TO THE SURFACE!

I'M GOING DEEPER!

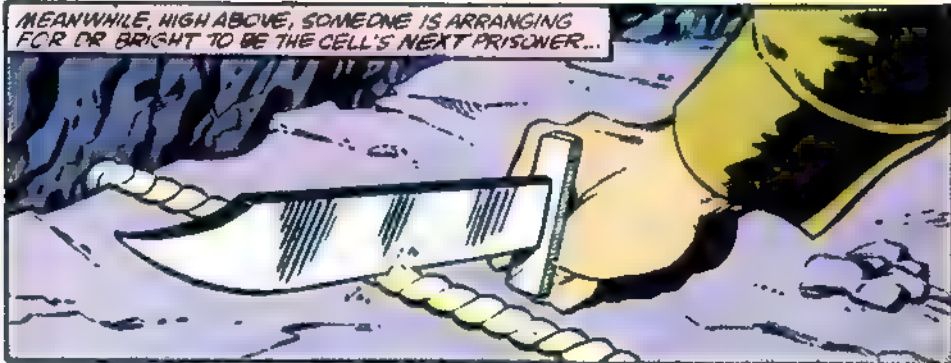
AS THE DOCTOR DESCENDS INTO DARKNESS...

WHAT'S THIS?! AMAZING! BELOW THERE IS A... CHAMBER!

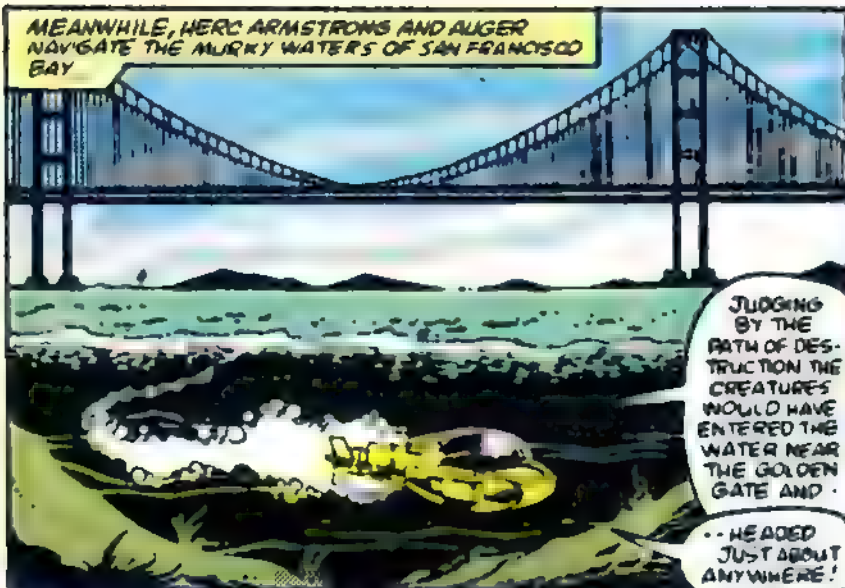
I'M DROPPING A FLARE TO GET A BETTER VIEW!

APPEARS TO BE A CELL! I SUSPECT THAT TENDRIL MONSTER WAS IMPRISONED HERE!

MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE, SOMEONE IS ARRANGING FOR DR BRIGHT TO BE THE CELL'S NEXT PRISONER...



MEANWHILE, HERC ARMSTRONGS AND AUGER NAVIGATE THE MURKY WATERS OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY



JUDGING BY THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION THE CREATURES WOULD HAVE ENTERED THE WATER NEAR THE GOLDEN GATE AND...

...HEADED JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE!



THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP!

LOOK!

THE SUB DESCENDS TO MORE CLOSELY EXAMINE AUGER'S DISCOVERY...



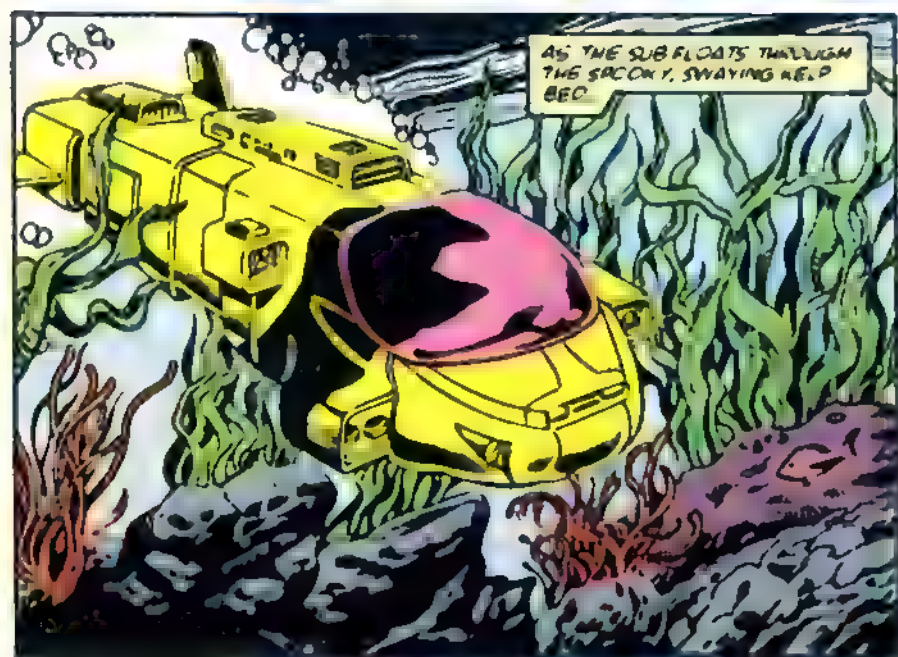
AN OLD B-29! PROBABLY CRASHED DURING WORLD WAR TWO! THE FUSELAGE LOOKS LIKE SOME-BODY STEPPED ON IT!

LOOK! A GIGANTIC FOOTPRINT!

THERE'S ANOTHER AND ANOTHER! AND LOOK WHERE THEY LEAD US!



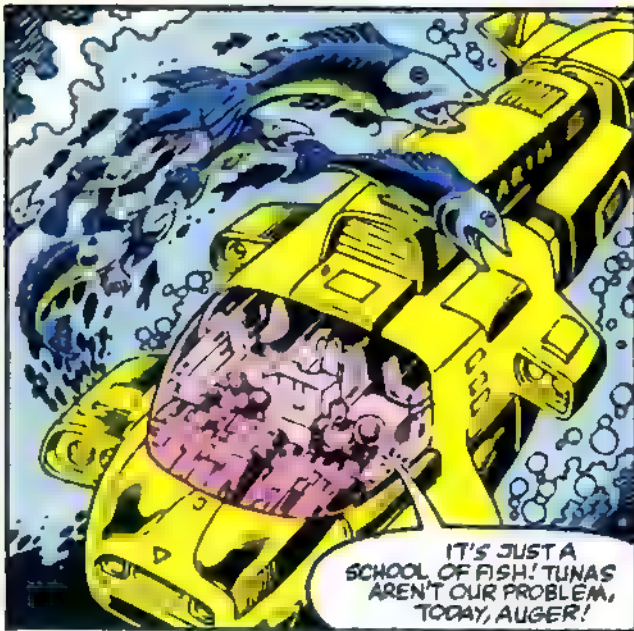
LET'S HOPE WE FIND THE MONSTERS BEFORE THEY FIND US!



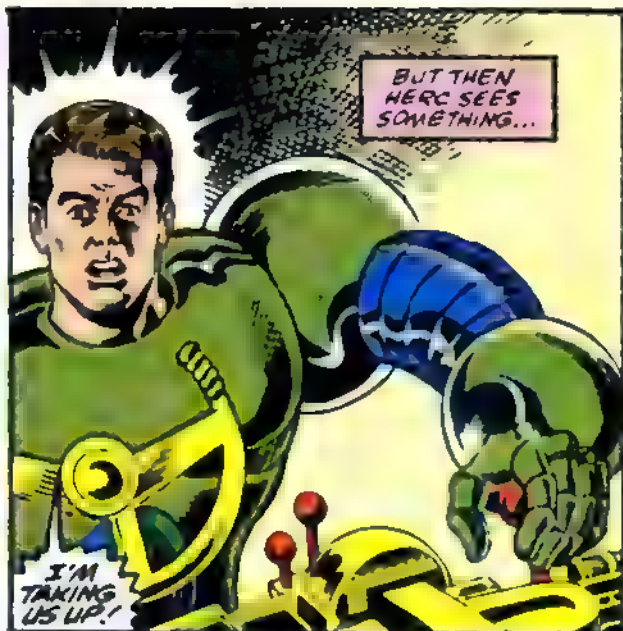
AS THE SUB FLOATS THROUGH THE SACKY, SWAYING KELP BED



LOOK OUT!

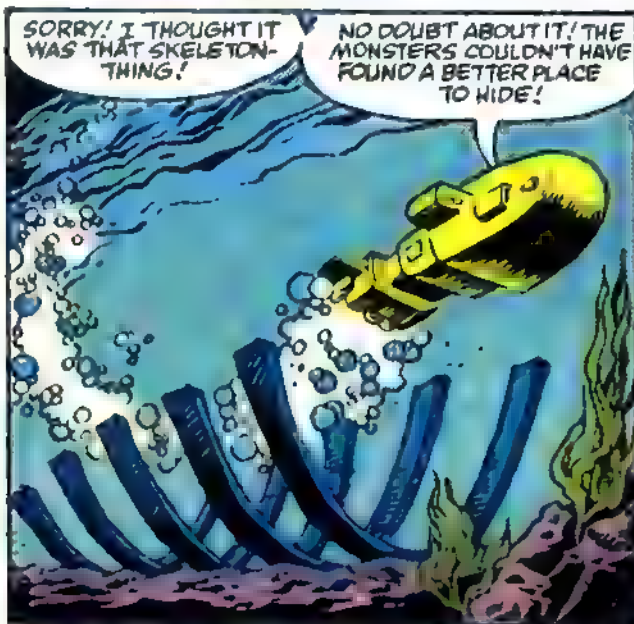


IT'S JUST A
SCHOOL OF FISH! TUNAS
AREN'T OUR PROBLEM,
TODAY, AUGER!



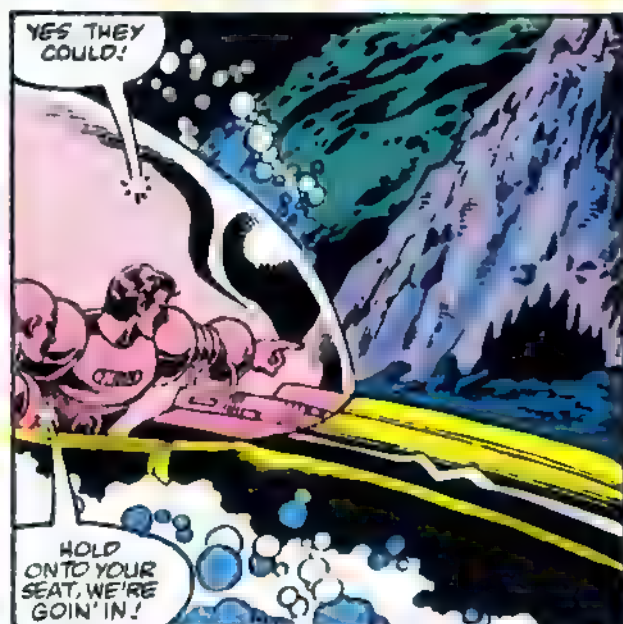
BUT THEN
HERC SEES
SOMETHING...

I'M
TAKING
US UP!



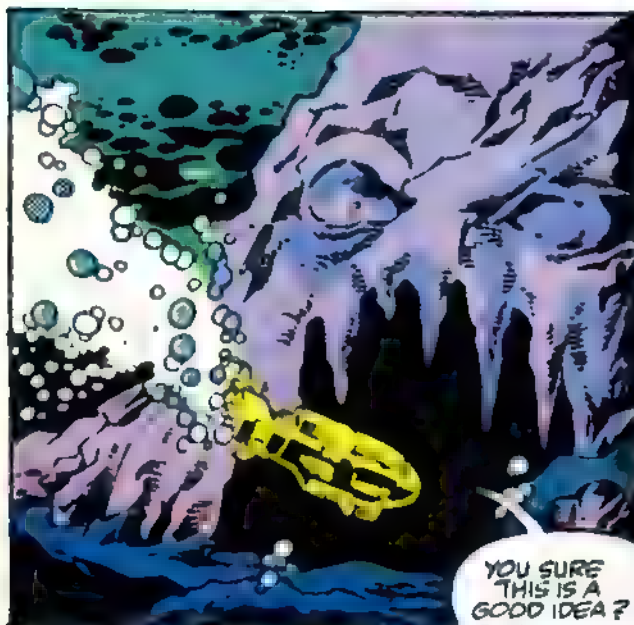
SORRY! I THOUGHT IT
WAS THAT SKELETON-
THING!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THE
MONSTERS COULDN'T HAVE
FOUND A BETTER PLACE
TO HIDE!



YES THEY
COULD!

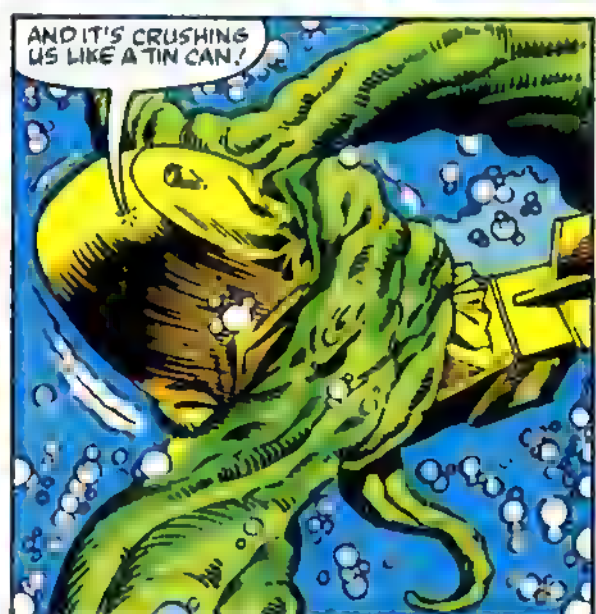
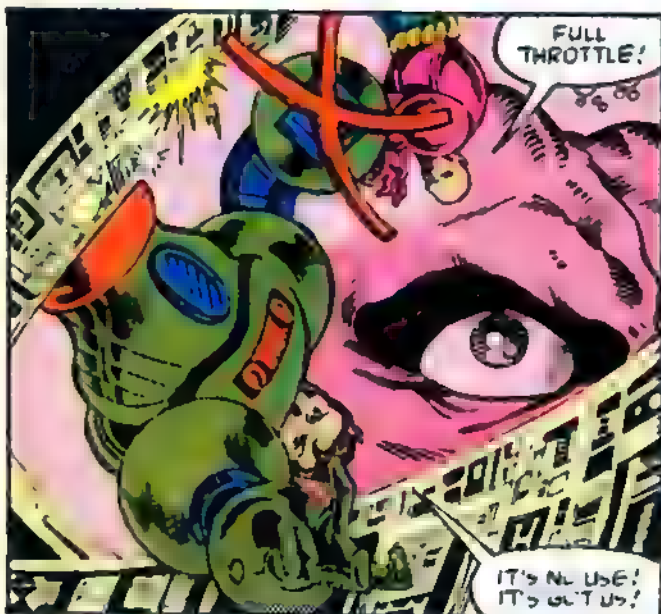
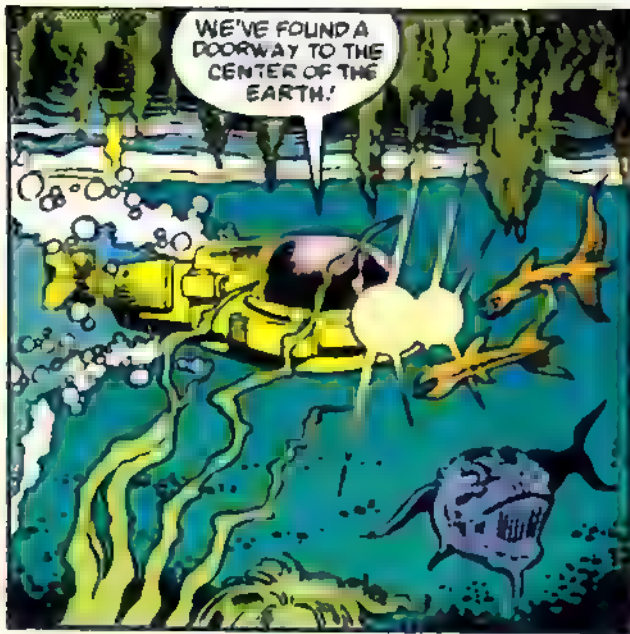
HOLD
ONTO YOUR
SEAT, WE'RE
GOIN' IN!

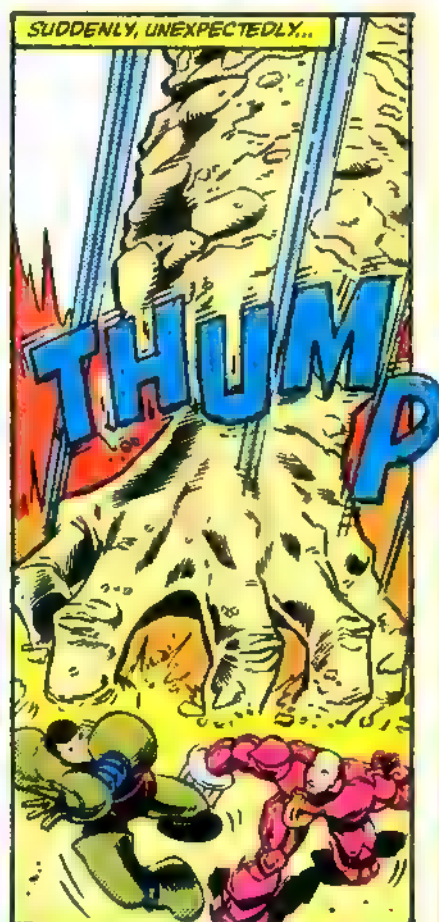
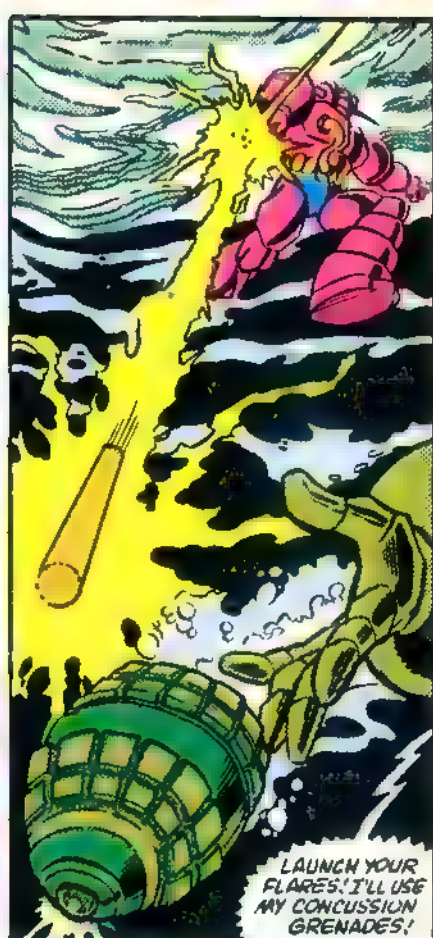
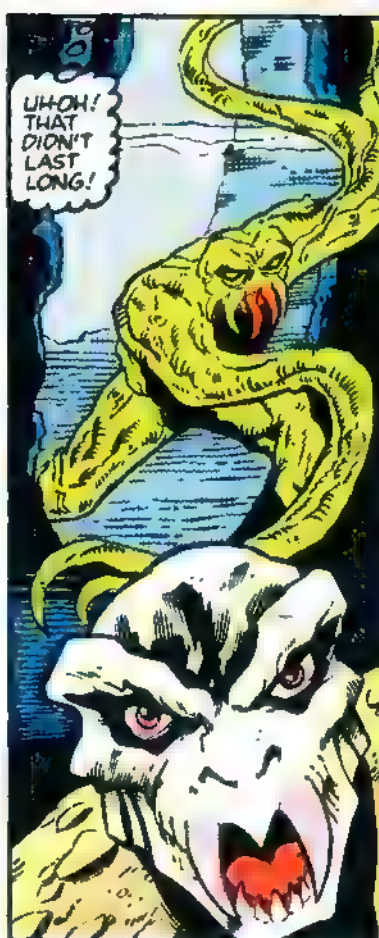
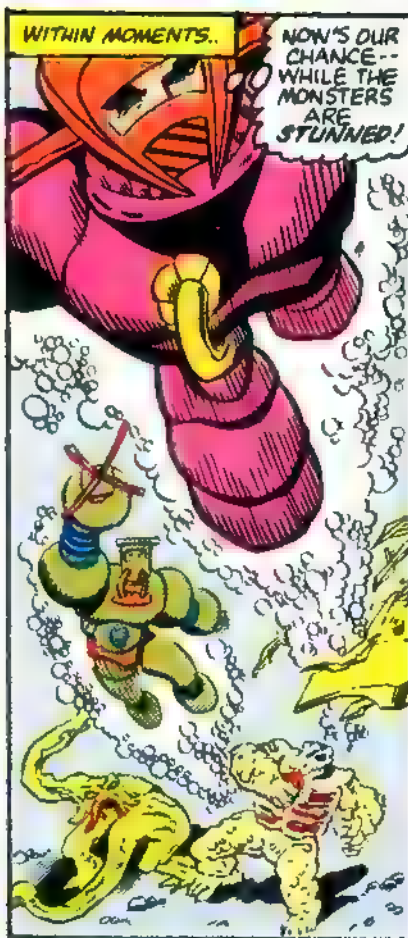


YOU SURE
THIS IS A
GOOD IDEA?



I'M GETTING
A DEPTH
READING OF
TWO MILES!
WE MUST BE
IN A LAVA
TUBE!

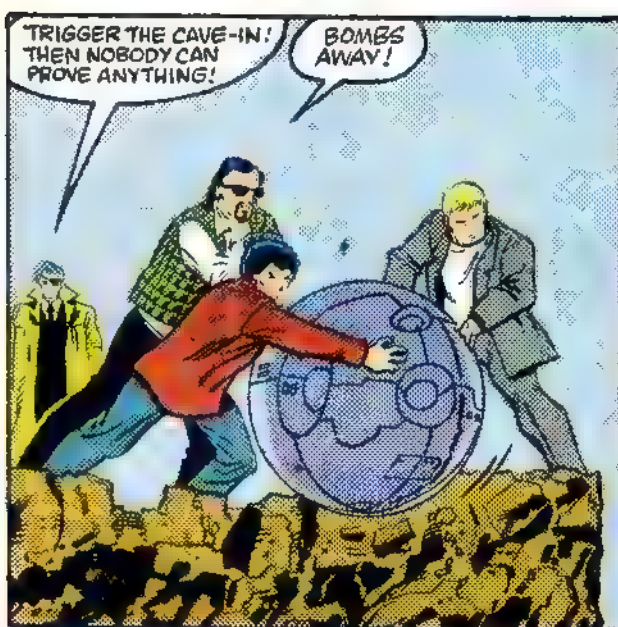






AS THE TWO MEN RUSH TO SAFETY, ELSEWHERE, BLACKTHORNE SHORE FINALLY CUTS THROUGH THE STURDY ROPE THAT ANCHORED DR. BRIGHT TO THE SURFACE.





ABOVE

LET'S GO! I'VE GOT
A DATE WITH A CERTAIN
SENATOR TO GET THE PLANS
FOR THE EARTH CORPS'
ENVIRONMENTAL SUITS!

THEN I CAN
BEGIN THE NEXT
PHASE OF MY
PLAN!

BUT UNSEEN BY BLACKTHORNE SHOWS

JUST GOES TO
SHOW YOU CAN'T
KEEP A GOOD MAN
DOWN!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE BIG SUR
NATIONAL FOREST, LIQUIDATOR
MUST EITHER TALK FAST OR DIE!

YOU SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
TOUCHED THE
AMMER!

YOU'RE
TELLING
ME!

LOOK, WE
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT WE
WERE DOING!

HUMANS
SELDOM
DO!



SUDDENLY, MYSTERIOUSLY, THE TREES BEGIN TO CHANT A STRANGE, MYSTICAL AND MUSICAL CHANT THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE WIND WHISTLING THROUGH THE TREES.



AFTER SEVERAL LONG MINUTES THE CHANTING ABRUPTLY STOPS...



LONG AGO, WHILE HUMANS STILL LIVED IN THE WOODS, A TERRIBLE WAR BETWEEN THE MUTORES AND THE EVIL INHUMANOIDS RAGED FAR BELOW!

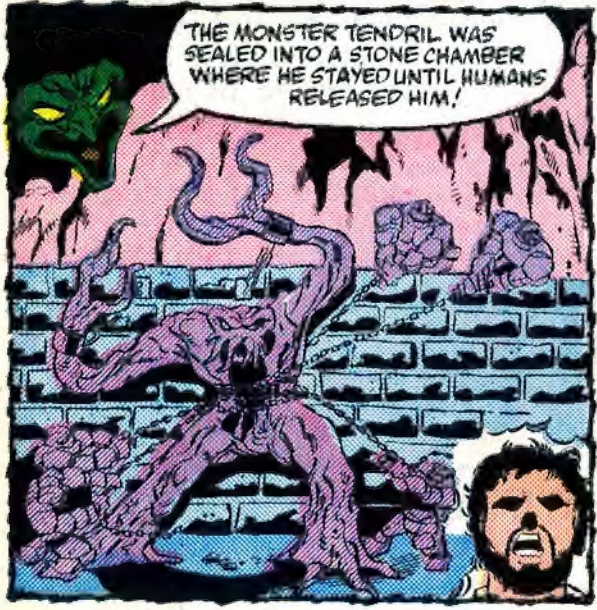




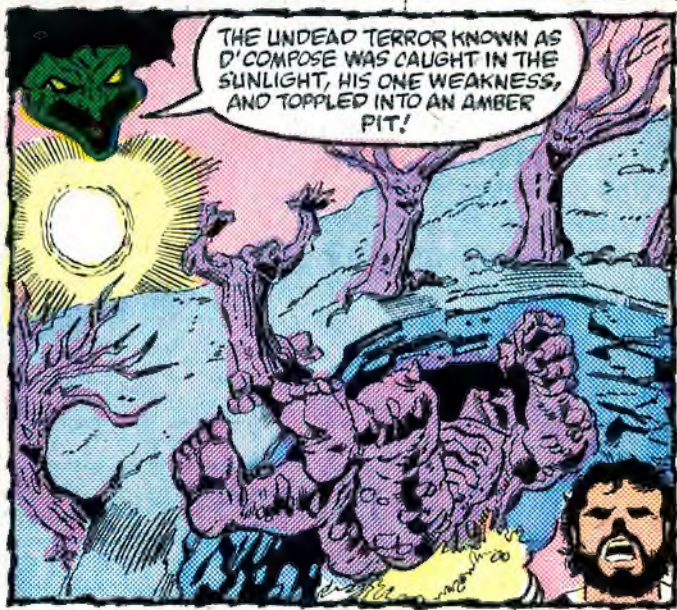
WE, THE MIGHTY REDWOODS, ALONG WITH THE PEACEFUL GRANITES AND OUR MAGNETIC ALLY, MAGNACORE, FOUGHT AN IMPOSSIBLE WAR AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS!



THOUGH OUR LOSSES WERE GREAT, WE FINALLY DEFEATED THEM, AND ONE BY ONE, DROVE THEM INTO SUBMISSION!



THE MONSTER TENDRIL WAS SEALED INTO A STONE CHAMBER WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL HUMANS RELEASED HIM!



THE UNDEAD TERROR KNOWN AS D'COMPOSE WAS CAUGHT IN THE SUNLIGHT, HIS ONE WEAKNESS, AND TOPPLED INTO AN AMBER PIT!

AND METLAR, MOST HORRIBLE OF ALL THE INHUMANOID, WAS TRAPPED IN MAGNACORE'S MAGNETIC FIELD! HE IS STILL CONFINED, BUT I FEAR THE OTHER INHUMANOID WILL ATTEMPT TO RELEASE HIM! IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN THE WORLD WILL KNOW NO PEACE!

WHOA!

DON'T WORRY! I PROMISE YOU! WE WILL STOP THEM!

YOU TALKIN' TO ME?

YOU OUGHT TO GET OUT OF THE SUN, PAL!

THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE!

YEAH! THAT A GOOD IDEA! THANKS!

LATER, BACK AT EARTH
CORPS HEADQUARTERS...

I'M TELL-
ING YOU, THE
TREES WERE
TALKING--

I HOPE THEY
SPOKE SOFTLY,
THEY SURE
CARRY BIG
STICKS!

STOW IT,
AUGER!

I HATE TO
ADMIT IT, BUT
LIQUIDATORS
STORY JIBES VERY
WELL WITH MY
OWN!

WHEN I INVESTIGATED
THE DRILLING SHAFT, I
DISCOVERED A DEEP
CHAMBER--

-- THE CHAMBER MIGHT
WELL BE THE PRISON THIS
TENDRIL WAS PLACED IN!

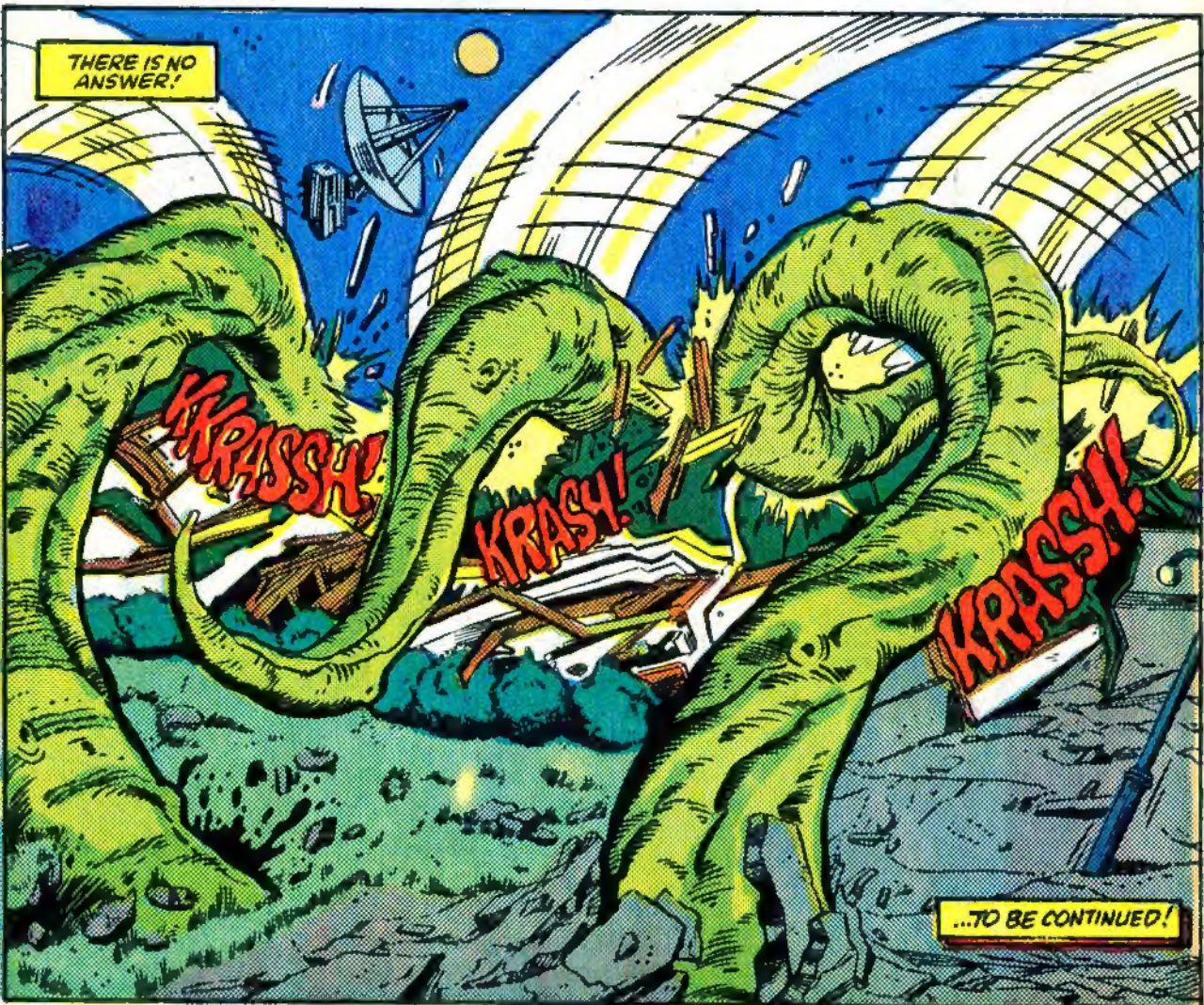
THEN
WE MUST STOP
THE INHUMANOIDS
BEFORE THEY CAN
RELEASE METLAR!
OTHERWISE--

KER-RRASH!



THE POWER GOES OUT! ALL IS DARK WITHIN EARTH CORPS HQ...

BRIGHT! AUGER! LIQUIDATOR! YOU STILL ALIVE?!



THERE IS NO ANSWER!

...TO BE CONTINUED!